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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN FUGITIVE ESPIRITUSANTO EXTRADITED TO THE  
U.S. (CORRECTED COPY)

REF: A. 2005 STATE 211803

[1](#)B. 2003 STATE 262077

[1](#)1. On November 29, 2006, U.S. Marshals returned Baudilo Espiritusanto to the United States to serve sentence for a federal narcotics-related offense in the State of Texas, as detailed in Count One of indictment number CR H-00-875, filed on December 11, 2000, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Under a plea agreement, Espiritusanto plead guilty on April 5, 2001, to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute in excess of five (5) kilograms of cocaine; a crime with a mandatory minimum sentence of ten (10) years and a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment. The actual sentence imposed was twenty-five (25) years.

[1](#)2. Following the January 19, 2006, issuance of a Dominican arrest warrant based on a November 30, 2005, resubmission of a 2003 U.S. Government request for extradition, Espiritusanto was apprehended November 22, 2006, by officers of the Dominican National Directorate for Drug Control's Fugitive Unit (DNCD). Espiritusanto made a knowing, voluntary, and intelligent waiver of his right to challenge the extradition before the Criminal Chamber of the Dominican Supreme Court. His extradition was properly confirmed by presidential decree.

[1](#)3. The return of Espiritusanto marks the 26th Dominican-national fugitive returned through or in lieu of extradition proceedings during CY-2006 (the 8th for FY-2007).  
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